



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: January 24, 2006

TO: George Burgess
County Manager

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Review of procedures for the handling and transportation of inmates possibly infected with communicable diseases

Given the disturbing events that occurred yesterday in Judge David Young's courtroom involving an inmate that had tested positive for tuberculosis, I am calling for a full review of the Corrections Department's procedures for the handling and transportation of persons possibly infected with serious communicable diseases. Yesterday's incident unnecessarily endangered the health of many innocent bystanders and should never be repeated. The wellbeing of our justice officials, public safety personnel and of the community as a whole should be a primary concern in dealing with potentially life threatening situations.

An immediate review of procedures should begin immediately, with a preliminary report in five days to be followed by a full report in 90 days.

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
Chief Justice Farina
Honorable Judge David Young
Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Court
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board